Notes on Spare Drives using the Easy RAID Setting (EZ)

When EZ function is ENABLED, the auto-rebuilding to spare drive is automatic. The degraded RAID group will start rebuilding automatically by using the existing spare drive.
* Spare drive can be either plugged before RAID building or a new drive can be plug as the spare drive when RAID rebuild is required.

A. Which port acts as a spare drive?

The last drive will automatically become the spare drive.

For a 3-drive RAID5 with spare:

Drives connected to SATA ports 1~3 belong to the active RAID5 array and drive connected to port 4 is the spare.

For a 4-drive RAID10 with spare:

Drives connected to SATA ports 1~4 belong to the active RAID10 array and drive connected to port 5 is the spare.

For a 2-drive RAID1 with spare:

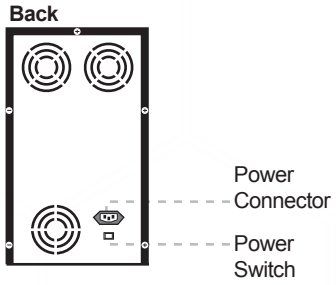
Drives connected to SATA ports 1& 4 belong to the active RAID1 array and drive connected to port 5 is the spare.

B. When will rebuild action start?

- When the raid fails and EZ is enabled, the HPM-XA will automatically rebuild the RAID group using the spare.
- When the raid fails and EZ is disabled, the HPM-XA will NOT rebuild the raid group unless you install a good drive to replace the failed drive.

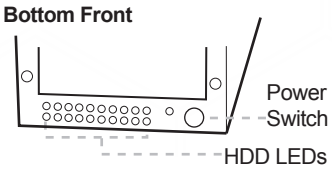
Connecting the Power Cable and RAID Tower to the Computer

a. Connect the power cord provided from the wall outlet to the back of the tower.
b. Make sure the power is off (power LED light should be off).



Power on/off control

a. A main power switch is located at the back of the tower. Turn the switch on. Another auxiliary switch is located on the front of the tower.
b. Make sure the power is off on the auxiliary switch (power LED light should be off).
c. Power on the tower.



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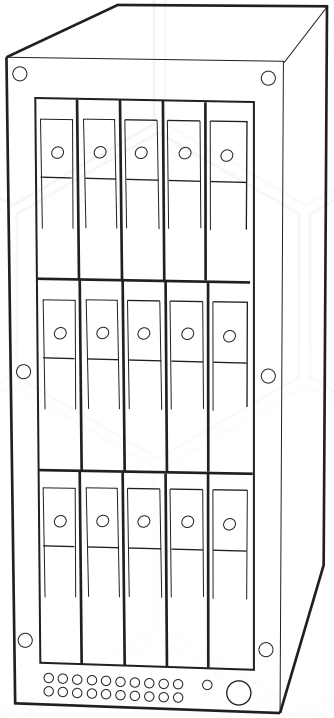

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(RT93SNDH)

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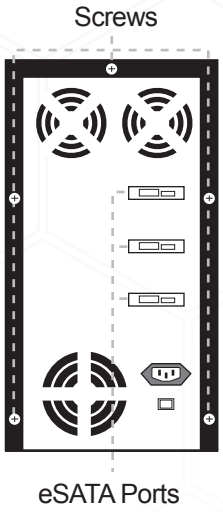
Hours: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm PST
Phone: 408-453-6212
Email: http://www.addonics.com/support/query/

Removing Cover of RAID Tower IX

Loosen the 5 screws at the back of the tower using a Philips screwdriver by turning counter-clockwise. Separate the metal casing of the tower from the housing by lifting up the casing.



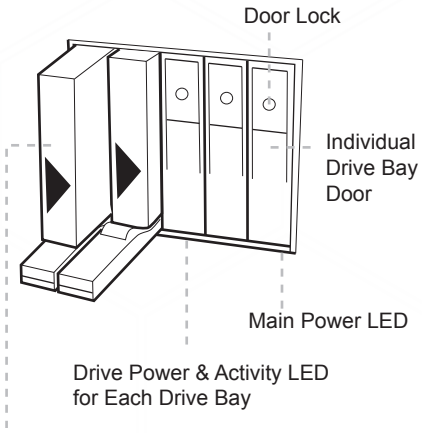
Installing drives into the RAID Tower IX

1. Be sure the lock on each drive door is in an unlock position. If not, use the key that comes with the Disk Array to unlock the drive door. Pull on the door lever to swing open the drive door all the way.

2. Slide a 3.5" SATA hard drive into the drive slot with the drive connector side facing in. Be sure to orient the hard drive correctly as shown in the yellow label on the inside of the drive door – with drive door swing open at the bottom, the top of the hard drive should face to the right. **The drive should slide all the way into the slot with very little resistance. Forcing the drive into the slot will cause drive damage or permanent damage to the Disk Array.**

3. Once the drive is all the way into the drive slot, close the door all the way till the drive door latch securely. This will engage power and data connection with the hard drive. The LED lit for the drive slot should lit if the Disk Array already powered on. You may lock the drive door with the key

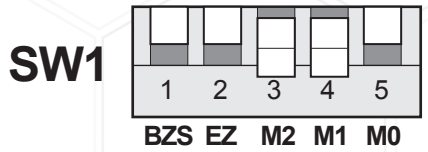
4. To remove the hard drive from the Disk Array, simply follow the step 2 – 3 in reverse.



Insert Hard Drives with Top Facing Right

RAID Setting Notes:

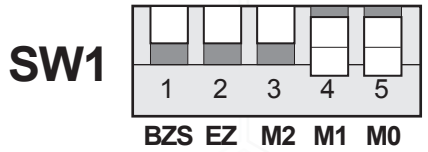
RAID 1& RAID 10 Mode



When 2 drives are connected to the HPM-XA, and DIP switch is set to this setting, the 2 drives will be configured as a 2-drive RAID1 array.

When 4 drives are connected to the HPM-XA, the 4 drives will be configured as a 4-drive RAID10 array.

Clone Mode



Clone's action is similar to RAID1. However, all of the hard drives will be mirrored. Clone mode is useful especially when users like to copy data from a source hard drive to the drives connected to the HPM-XA.

f. Press the RAID setting button with a ball point pen.

g. While pressing the RAID setting button turn on the system power where the HPM is connected. The buzzer will sound while holding the RAID setting button. Release it after at least 5 seconds for hardware initialization. A single beep will be heard to indicate initialization is completed.

h. Verify if the RAID array is detected by the system.

i. If the 5-port HPM-XA is connected to the motherboard onboard SATA, on the CMOS setup utility, the raid array will display as "Addonics H/W RAID5" if setup as a RAID5 array.

j. If the 5-port HPM-XA is connected to an eSATA host controller card, on the RAID BIOS, the raid array will display as "Addonics H/W RAID0" if setup as a RAID0 array.

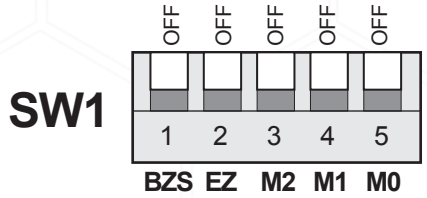
k. If booted into Windows, in Disk Drives under Device Manager, the raid array will display as "Addonics H/W LARGE" if setup as a LARGE array.

l. Once raid array is verified, you can set the buzzer either ON or OFF.

Default factory DIP Switch setting:

SW1 – RAID Setting DIP Switch

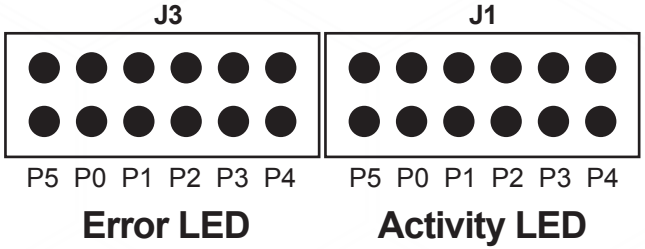
BZS – Error buzzer function
EZ – Automatic rebuilding to spare drive (one of the drives on the raid is set as a spare). If EZ is ENABLED anda drive failure occurs, the spare will automatically act as a drive replacement and rebuilding will automatically start.
M2 – RAID mode 2
M1 – RAID mode 1
M0 – RAID mode 0



1. Error buzzer function is ENABLED (BZS) when dip switch is in OFF position
2. Auto-rebuilding to spare drive is DISABLED (EZ)
3. Individual drive mode is ENABLED (M0~M2)

Note: When the default factory RAID setting is used, independent drive configuration and optical drive are supported only when connecting to controllers with Silicon Image Sil3124, Sil3132 chip set or controllers that are Port Multiplier (PM) compatible. Simultaneous DVD writing was tested using the Nero Burning Rom.

LED Pin Header



J1 – Drive Activity LED
P5 – Activity LED for eSATA host port lights up when it is connected to a SATA controller card.
P0, P1, P2, P3 & P4 - Activity LEDs for port 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 light up when a drive is connected and blinks when there's drive activity.

J3 – Error LED
P5 – error LED for eSATA host port
P0, P1, P2, P3 & P4 - error LED for port 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Setting or Modifying the RAID Mode Using the JMicron HW RAID Manager Utility Program:

1. For Windows users, install the JMicron HW RAID Manager located on the SATA Controller CD. In the CD, go to Configuration Utilities > JMB393. This manager can be use to create and monitor the status of the RAID volume.

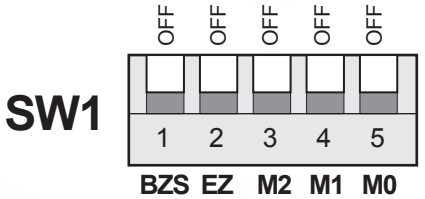
   It is recommended to use the default factory RAID DIP switch setting when using the JMicron HW RAID Manager.

2. Modify the RAID mode on the 5-port HPM-XA using DIP switch

   Recommended to be used on operating system without JMicron HW RAID Manager support like Linux, Mac & Solaris. Windows users can also use the procedure below.

Note: Steps A to D need to be performed each time the raid mode is modified.

a. Set the DIP switch to factory default setting.



b. Press the RAID setting button with a ball point pen.

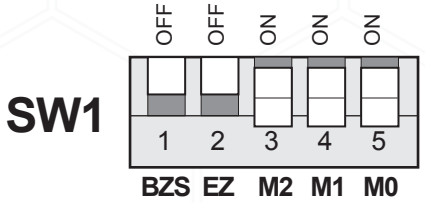
c. While pressing the RAID setting button turn on the system power where the HPM is connected. The buzzer will sound while holding the RAID setting button. Release it after at least 5 seconds for hardware initialization. A single beep will be heard to indicate initialization is completed. The above steps act as a reset.

d. Power off the system power.

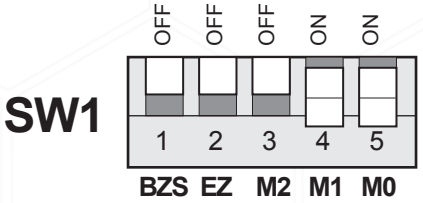
e. On the DIP switch, change (M0 to M2) setting to the desired RAID mode using the diagram below.

All settings on the diagram shows
- Error buzzer function is ENABLED
- EZ function is DISABLED.

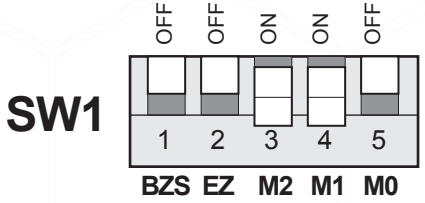
RAID 0 Mode



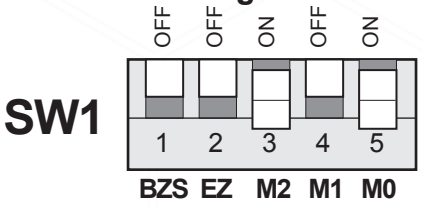
Clone Mode



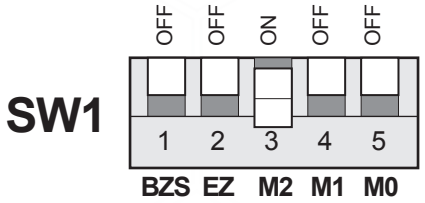
RAID 1& RAID 10 Mode



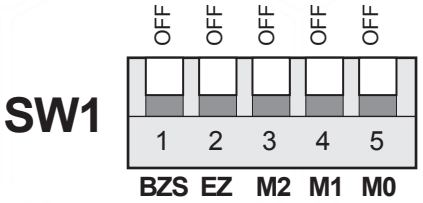
Large Mode



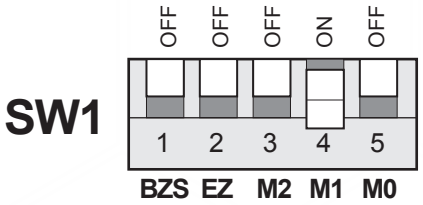
RAID 3 Mode

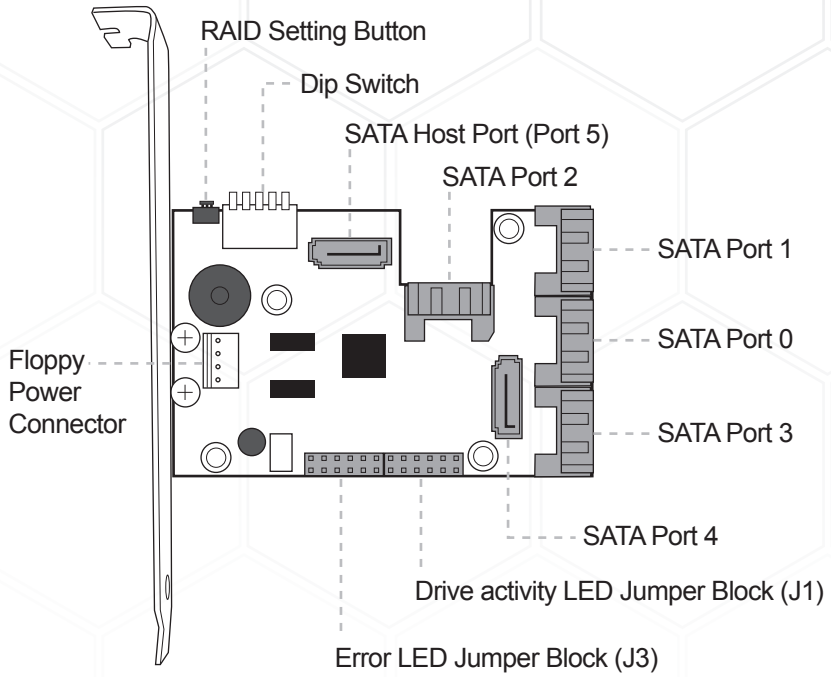


Individual Drives Mode



RAID 5 Mode





	Dip Switch Settings				
Raid Mode	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Individual Drive (Factory Default)	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
0	OFF	OFF	**ON**	**ON**	**ON**
1 and 10	OFF	OFF	**ON**	**ON**	OFF
3	OFF	OFF	**ON**	OFF	OFF
5	OFF	OFF	OFF	**ON**	OFF
Clone	OFF	OFF	OFF	**ON**	**ON**
Large	OFF	OFF	**ON**	OFF	**ON**
	Enable ERR Buzzer Function	Auto-Rebuilding to Spare Drive	Port Multiplier Mode		